

KENTUCKY.

Nicholasville: Dr. Lilly has recently returned from a very interesting missionary conference held in New York. He is engaged in preparing for the missionary campaign in twenty cities of the South. There were two additions to this church by profession on Sunday, September 26.

Versailles: The resignation of Rev. Dr. G. H. Rout, as pastor of this church is announced. Dr. Rout has been the faithful pastor of this large congregation ever since his graduation from the theological seminary, forty-seven years ago, and, with the exception of Dr. H. M. Scudder, of Carlisle, has probably held the longest continuous pastorate of any minister of his church in Kentucky.

Louisville: September 26 was a day long to be remembered at the Crescent Hill church. Messrs. W. Bythe, Oliver Brown and Dr. Kiefer, as ruling elders; and Messrs. Bonte, J. W. Brown, Huber, Macpherson and Viser, as deacons, were ordained and installed by the laying on of the hands of the Session and by prayer, and the hand of fellowship. Messrs. Gray, Blain and Bullitt performed this service. The only deacon to welcome the new officers was Mr. Watson. After an exhortation to Humility, Loyalty and Love, (John 13), the Lord's Supper was observed. Each officer was presented with a copy of the Confession of Faith, Catechisms, Form of Government, and Book of Discipline and Directory of Worship, all together making up the Constitution of the Church, and with a copy of Smith's Creed of Presbyterians, and the minutes of the Presbytery. After the service Session met, the new elders and deacons, decided on the Wednesday before the first Sunday of each month, 7:45, as the regular monthly meeting and called a meeting of the deacons for Tuesday, 8 p. m. to organize and get started. Thus a new beginning was made under happiest auspices.

LOUISIANA.

Louisiana Presbytery will meet at La Fayette, La., on Tuesday, October 26, at 7:30 p. m. Presbytery, at its spring meeting at Jackson, adopted the following: "Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to ascertain the amount of indebtedness due by the Presbytery and make a special assessment on the churches to meet it, the same to be paid at the fall meeting of Presbytery. In accordance with this action the following assessments are due from churches: Baton Rouge, \$9; Lake Charles and Crowley, each \$8.50; Alexandria and Jackson, each, \$6.50; Plains, \$6; Norwood, Baker, Plaquemine and Archafalaya, each, \$4; Clifton, \$3.50; LaFayette, Welch and Zachary, each, \$2; Opelousas, \$1.50; Eunice and Grace, each, 50 cents.

D. O. Byers, Stated Clerk.

MISSISSIPPI.

Red Lick: On the first Sabbath of October, Rev. W. H. McIntosh of Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, Port Gibson, supplied the Red Lick Church. On the third Sab-

bath of each month Rev. J. W. Henderson, of Natchez, will supply the pulpit.

Pass Christian: The Presbyterian Church at this place was very badly damaged by the storm of last week, the fury of the sea being such that the building was undermined, and coming down upon the ground, was terribly shattered. It will have to be made over to a large extent before it can be used again. Although greatly distressed over our catastrophe, work is beginning immediately on the wreck. Any assistance that may be rendered to us at this time of our need, will be greatly appreciated, as our membership have each suffered considerable property loss.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Central Mississippi Presbytery, will hold its first annual meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, October 20, 21 and 22. A splendid program has been arranged, and a most profitable meeting is anticipated. Aside from the regular accredited delegates all other Foreign or Home Missionary Societies, or Ladies' Aids, or any churches not having a Ladies' Society, are urged to send representatives, so that they may know what is being done in the Union.

Miss Bertha Everts, Rec. Sec.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Concord Presbytery: At the meeting of Presbytery held at Davidson, September 30, Mr. J. H. Brady, of the Sophomore class, and Mr. F. F. Baker, of the Freshman class, were taken under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry. Rev. W. J. Sechrest was given power to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery. Rev. W. J. Tidball was dismissed to Lexington Presbytery. The Committee to review the revised proof texts consists of Rev. Messrs. C. E. Raynal, E. D. Brown and Prof. G. H. Hill.

Davidson: The congregation of the Presbyterian church was highly privileged in having Rev. L. C. Vass to fill the pulpit on Sunday, September 26, at both services. His addresses and exhibition of stereopticon slides illustrative of his experiences and work in Africa were much removed from the ordinary in point of interest and instruction and were heard and seen by large audiences. The church was taxed. Mr. Vass has abundantly proven himself to be a Christian hero and a man of remarkable endurance and perseverance under great difficulties. In the arduous labors that have fallen to him as a missionary to the Congo, especially in the construction of the two Lapsley steamboats and his navigation of the great river, his mechanical genius and his practical ability and common sense have stood in good stead and enabled him to do a work that will give him a foremost place in the history of pioneer missions. He richly merits during his stay in this country all of the attention and hospitality that Christian courtesy and kindness can suggest. Mr. Vass graduated at Davidson in the class of '94.

Durham: Sunday evening, September 26, a commission of Orange Presbytery,

consisting of Rev. Messrs. E. R. Leyburn, Carl Barth, and M. N. M'Iver, and Elders T. B. Fuller and H. C. Linthicum, organized a new church at Edgemont, a mill community within the corporate limits of Durham. The new organization starts with seventy-three members, most of whom were transferred from the First Church. This church has maintained a mission chapel at this point for several years, and six months ago Rev. Carl Barth was secured to give his whole time to work at the Edgemont mission. Mr. Barth has taken hold of the work with energy and zeal, and has had the great joy of receiving about thirty members into the church during the six months of his stay there. He will now become the regular pastor of the Edgemont Presbyterian church, as the first action of the new church, after ordaining its officers, was to call him unanimously and heartily, to become their pastor. The new organization has a good body of officers, and starts out most hopefully and with great enthusiasm, and we are expecting great things of them. This is the second mission of the First Church to be organized into a separate church during the present pastorate. A few years ago the mission at the Pearl Mill was organized into the Second church with sixty members. It now has ninety. The First Church also maintains another mission chapel at West Durham. This chapel and the Second church are ministered to by Rev. M. N. M'Iver. The First Church also supports Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Wharton in Cuba, and last year gave about \$5,000 for the erection of the church building in Cardenas. The work there is progressing finely, and is full of hope and promise. Rev. E. R. Leyburn and his people rejoice greatly in the progress and growth of their various mission enterprises.

NEW MEXICO.

Orange: Rev. W. L. Downing and Rev. H. R. McFadyen, being urgently requested to visit Orange, New Mexico, and hold services, preached from Thursday, September 23 to Monday 27. This community with one store and post office, has been wholly destitute of preaching services, but very few sermons ever having been heard there. The population is limited, but growing, as fine lands are now open for settlement. The present settlers are pioneers and very few have ever been members of any church. During the meeting, ten persons, two men, seven women, and one little girl, made profession of their faith in Christ. We hope to organize a church there soon. There is no church of any kind in fifty miles.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Woman's Missionary Union, of Charleston Presbytery, will meet October 28-29, at Columbia. Each society of the Union is urged to send delegates. Please send names of delegates as soon as possible to Mrs. S. M. Smith, 1400 Washington Street, Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. J. A. Johnston, Sec.

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